



PARENT/SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Overview

Montgomery County Recreation (MCR) provides a safe and balanced learning environment for players of all abilities that develops athletic skills, character, sportsmanship, and teamwork for children in grades kindergarten through 12 through their participation in competitive recreational basketball.

Montgomery County Recreation (MCR) wants to promote the physical, social and emotional development of youth participants. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

As a parent or guardian of a MCR player, I therefore pledge to be responsible for my (and other any parent, guardian or guests of my child) words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the youth participants, not adults.
2. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
3. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any MCR staff, official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; verbal or physical threats; or using profane language or gestures.
4. I will not engage, or encourage my child or any other person to engage, in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official, MCR staff or any other attendee.
5. I will treat, and ensure my child treats, any coach, parent, player, participant, official, MCR staff or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, game play or ability.
6. I will not initiate, and will not tolerate my child initiating a verbal or physical fight, abuse, negative comments or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
7. I will not embarrass my child by calling attention to him/her through loud or rude behavior.
8. I will encourage my child to practice good sportsmanship.
9. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
10. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of all the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
11. I will respect the staff and official's authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches or MCR staff at the game, and will take time to speak with coaches privately at an agreed upon time and place if I have an issue or concern.
12. I will help ensure that each child plays in a safe and healthy environment, leave food and beverages outside the gym help pick up trash and notify coaches or staff of noticeable playing hazards.
13. I will assure the sports environment is free from tobacco products, drugs and alcohol at all youth sporting events.
14. I will accept decisions of officials as being fair and performed to the best of their ability. Refrain from criticizing any of the above verbally or by gesture. Never go onto the court/field while the game is in progress to dispute a call. Allow any questions or rule interpretations to be handled appropriately by the coaches, staff and officials during time-outs/between halves or each quarter.

I hereby agree that if I (or other parent, guardian, or guests of my child) fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, or participating in a MCR youth sports event I and/or my child will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

1. Verbal warning issued by a league, MCR organization or a MCR official who is authorized to issue such warning.

2. Written warning issued by a league, MCR organization or a MCR official who is authorized to issue such warning.
3. Suspension or immediate ejection from a MCR event issued by a league, MCR organization or a MCR official who is authorized to issue such suspension or ejection.
4. Suspension from multiple MCR events issued by a league, MCR organization or a MCR official who is authorized to issue such suspension.
5. One season, multiple season or permanent suspension issued by a league, MCR organization or a MCR official who is authorized to issue such suspension.

If a spectator is ejected for these or any reason, as dictated by the League Rules, he/she may not attend the next two (2) games at a minimum. If a spectator is ejected a second time or acts out physically towards another individual, he/she will not be allowed to attend any Montgomery County Recreation Sports activities for a minimum one (1) year from the date of the incident. If such action is taken, the individual must meet with the League Director prior to returning to any event. In addition, the head coach present at the game will be suspended for at least one (1) game.

*****Montgomery County Recreation reserves the right to conduct a closed gymnasium, to include only players, coach(es), table staff and officials, if spectator behavior becomes a distraction and/or unsafe for all.**

I have read and understand the above standards.

PARENT NAME (print) _____

PARENT Signature _____

PLAYER NAME: _____ **TEAM NAME:** _____ **DATE:** _____

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